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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GOS-PRC DISCUSSION ON LOS MATTERS

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM ON AUGUST 4, HE DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH HIS VISIT TO PRC LAST MARCH. ALTHOUGH MOST OF WHAT HE SAID HAS BEEN REPORTED, I BELIEVE IT IS WORTH RECORDING THAT RAJA FEELS HE MAY HAVE MADE SOME IMPACT ON PRC THINKING ON INDIAN OCEAN AND STRAITS OF MALACCA.

2. RAJA SAID HE HAD FRANKLY TOLD CHIAO KUAN-HUA THAT GOS DISAGREED WITH PRC ON CERTAIN LOS MATTERS. RAJA EXPLAINED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CHIAO THAT IF LITTORAL STATES OF INDIAN OCEAN DEMANDED DEPARTURE OF WARSHIPS OF MAJOR POWERS, OR IF INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA WERE SUCCESSFUL IN ASSERTING NATIONAL JURISDICTION OVER STRAITS (POSITIONS WHICH CHIAO SAID PRC SUPPORTED), USSR WOULD ALMOST

CERTAINLY IGNORE THESE POSTURINGS. HOWEVER, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT US CONGRESS MIGHT FORCE USG TO WITHDRAW ITS 7TH FLEET FROM THESE AREAS. IF THIS OCCURRED, THE SOVIET FLEET WOULD CONTROL THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE STRAITS OF MALACCA UNCHECKED BY ANY OTHER MAJOR POWER.

3. RAJA SAID THAT AT THE TIME HIS PRC HOSTS HAD POLITELY DISAGREED AND REITERATED THEIR POSITION ON THESE QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, RAJA NOTED THAT SINCE THEN THE PRC APPEARED TO BE CHANGING ITS TUNE. PRC HAD NOT CRITICIZED FINAL US DECISION TO PROCEED WITH EXPANDING MILITARY FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA. FURTHERMORE, HE THOUGHT THERE HAD BEEN SOME POSITIVE REFERENCE IN PRC MEDIA TO INTERNATIONALIZATION OF STRAITS.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT, USLO PEKING AND AMCONSUL HONG KONG ADVISE WHETHER ANALYSIS OF PRC OUTPUT AND OTHER INFO REVEALS ANY SHIFT IN PRC POLICY ON THESE SUBJECTS. HOLDRIDGE

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